



A Vision for Poplar Point

A Green Gateway to the River

Poplar Point will be a gracious and inviting green gateway to Anacostia Park and the Anacostia River. Poplar Point will be cleaned up to promote access to parkland and to allow for the restoration of Stickfoot Creek and accompanying wetlands.

A Place of Arrival – Transportation and Trails

Poplar Point will be easily accessible by multiple modes of transportation and transit, including Metro, metrobus, water taxi, automobile and the Anacostia Riverwalk and Trail. Pedestrian and bicycle access will be prioritized by introducing trails and sidewalks from adjacent neighborhoods and from the Metro. Neighborhood access to Poplar Point will be strengthened with redesigned points of entry, including Howard Road, W Street and Good Hope Road.

A Signature Waterfront Park

Design, restoration and reclamation of the Poplar Point waterfront will result in a landscape of memorable beauty and environmental sensitivity. This park will be a jewel in the family of parks, gardens, trails, and gathering spaces along the Anacostia River.

A Home to Culture, Community and History

Poplar Point will be a host to history and culture – creating new, easily accessible sites for commemorative gardens, memorials and museums and linking the park to a vital, growing, residential and commercial neighborhood in Historic Anacostia.

A Link to Neighborhood Vitality

Areas of development along the edge of the new Poplar Point Park will feel like the extension of surrounding neighborhoods in Historic Anacostia. New uses will serve the community, be of compatible scale, complement existing uses on Martin Luther King Jr. Ave and help transition existing neighborhoods to the waterfront.



Figure 1: Poplar Point seen at the foot of a redesigned Frederick Douglass Bridge. A gateway to the Anacostia River Park System and a resource to historic Anacostia, Poplar Point will combine the goals of natural resource protection and recreation with neighborhood revitalization.

